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DEDICATION POSTPONED

Dedication and unveiling ceremonies for the Honor Roll Monument, which was scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed because of the inability to get an appropriate speaker and to complete arrangements. The speaker who was scheduled is unable to attend the ceremonies.

W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, chairman of the Rivers Ex-Servicemen's Club, said that the dedication has been set tentatively for the following Sunday, April 23.

UNIVERSITY MEN VISIT RIVERS

Twelve educators from Tucson, including President Alfred W. Atkinson of the University of Arizona, and a journalist from the St. Louis Globe Democrat, visited Gila all day Thursday.

They were divided into small groups and, escorted by center officials, they visited the schools, the farm, the hospital, and the Co-op stores.

Mrs. Don McCord, who writes a column for the Globe Democrat under her pen name Alvin Maxwell, stated she was impressed by the cheerfulness of the residents and hopes to return for a longer visit.

BERNHARD TO AID IN LAW MATTERS

Edgar Bernhard, principal attorney from the San Francisco office, will be in Rivers, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19 to consult with anyone about legal problems anywhere on the coast that needs attention.

Persons who need such help should make appointments through the Project Attorney's office before Bernhard arrives.

ICKES DEFENDS WRA; CRITICIZES RACE MONGERS

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes defended the WRA program Thursday, sharply criticizing "the vindictive, blood-thirsty onslaughts of professional race mongers," and declaring that the agency entrusted with re-

settlement of Japanese in this country "will not be converted into an instrument of revenge or racial warfare," the A.P. reports.

"I think that there can be no doubt," the secretary stated, "that the program has, in general, been handled with discretion, humanity and wisdom ... The War Relocation Authority--make no mistake about it--has been criticized for not organizing in ... a lynching party. Under my jurisdiction, it will not be stamped into undemocratic, bestial, inhuman action."

Ickes, who set forth his views in a statement, added:

"I have on many occasions called for the punishment of the war criminals whether they have committed their outrages under Tojo and the fiendish military caste of Japan, or under Hitler. Let us see that the guilty are made to feel the heavy hand of justice. But let us not degrade ourselves by injuring innocent, defenseless people. To do this would be to lower ourselves to the level of the fanatical Nazis and Japanese war lords. Civilization expects more from us than from them."

Ban Hardball Within Blocks

The Block Managers met Tuesday agreed by unanimous consent to discourage residents from playing or throwing hard balls within the blocks, stated Keiso Ishizu, Central Block Manager.

This is to prevent possible injury to persons and damages to property. Ishizu was instructed by the Block Managers to publicize this in the newspaper.

Leave Score

THIS WEEK:

Indefinites	56
Seasonals	4
Short Terms	6

TOTAL:

Indefinites	2501
Seasonals	58
Short Terms	60

POPULATION: 9363

RELOCATION EARLY CLEARANCE HASTENS LEAVE

Persons who plan to relocate in the near future but have never filed an application for leave clearance should do so at their earliest convenience, announced Henry C. Freeland, leave officer.

Although relocation hearings are no longer held for persons who have received any type of Washington clearance, it is necessary for the leave office to complete certain records for all persons leaving the center, he said.

If applications are placed on file, the leave office is able to arrange all details regarding departure on a minimum of four days' notice.

Said Freeland, "The cooperation of all prospective relocators in this regard will be greatly appreciated by the members of the leave office who are doing their utmost to extend the greatest possible services to the residents despite personal inconvenience."